



Welcome to

Planning Your Professional Development

Corporation for
NATIONAL &
COMMUNITY
SERVICE 

 **VISTA**
Volunteers In Service To America

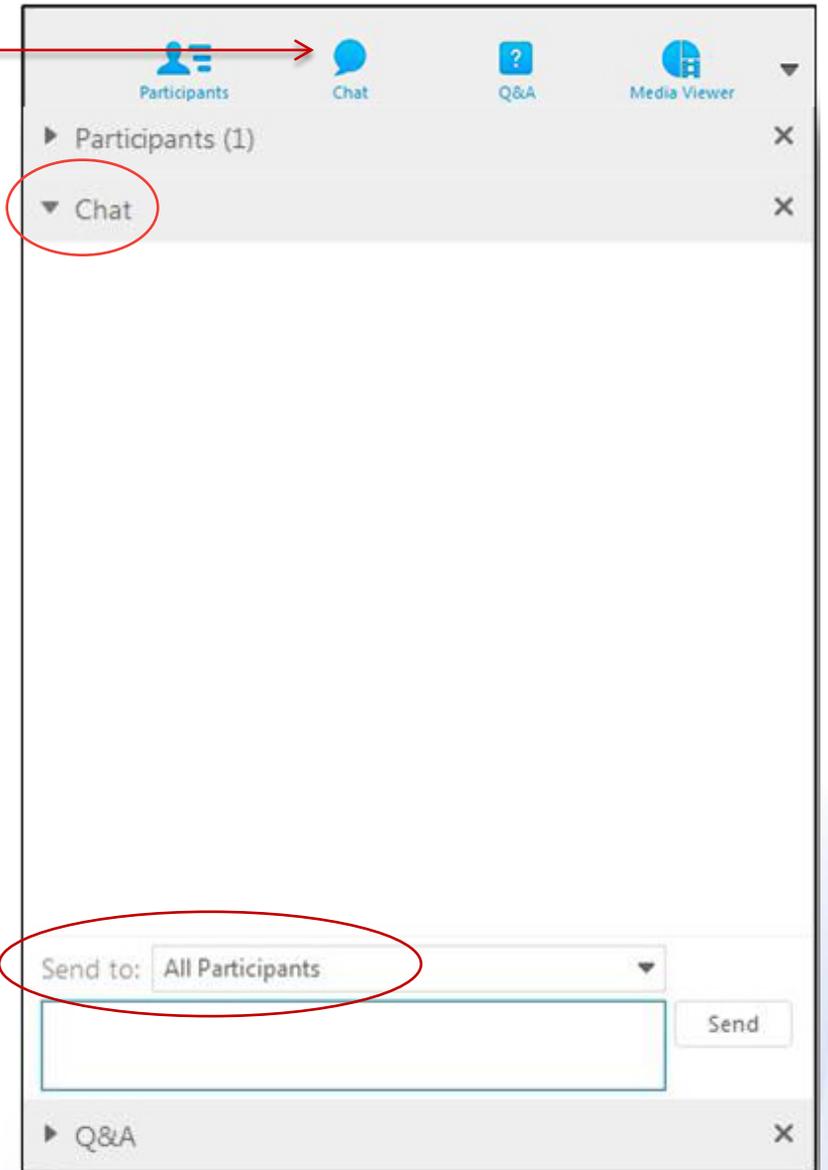
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Share Your Thoughts

- What is one goal you hope to accomplish during your service?

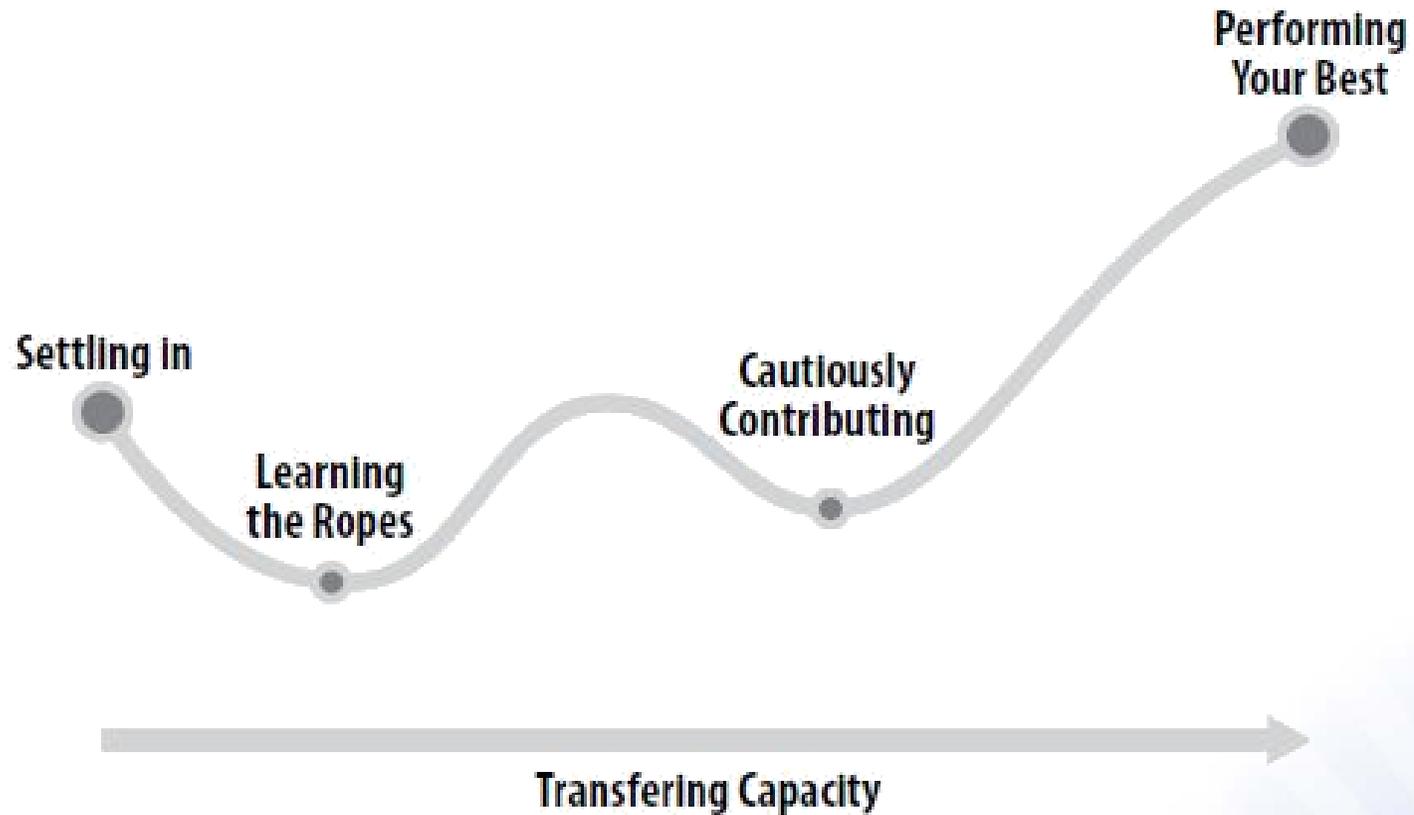
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Today's Agenda

- Your Tools for Success
 - Your VAD
 - The Individual Development Plan
 - The VISTA Campus
- Four Steps to Action
- VISTA Campus Exploration
- Questions

Your VISTA Year



Your VAD

Volunteer Mobilization
Sustainability
Curriculum development
Fundraising
Community outreach
Project Development
Public speaking Research

Event Planning

Partnership development

Individual Development Plan



VISTA Individual Development Plan

	Knowledge and skills needed to accomplish VAD	Priority L M H	Learning Opportunities / Resources
1			
2			
3			

Activity

- Fill in the last box of your Individual Development Plan

 VISTA <small>Volunteers In Service To America</small>		<h2>VISTA Individual Development Plan</h2>	
	Knowledge and skills needed to accomplish VAD	Priority LMH	Learning Opportunities / Resources
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The VISTA Campus



VISTA *Campus*

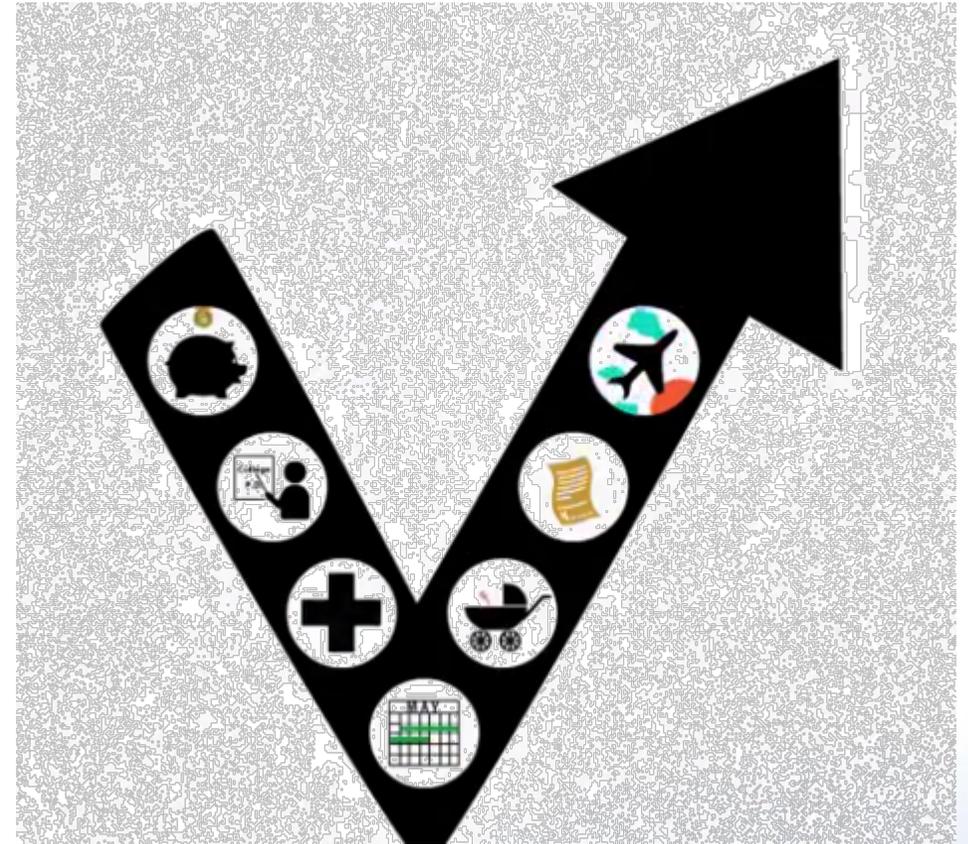
Four Steps to Action

- A guide to maximizing your VISTA service



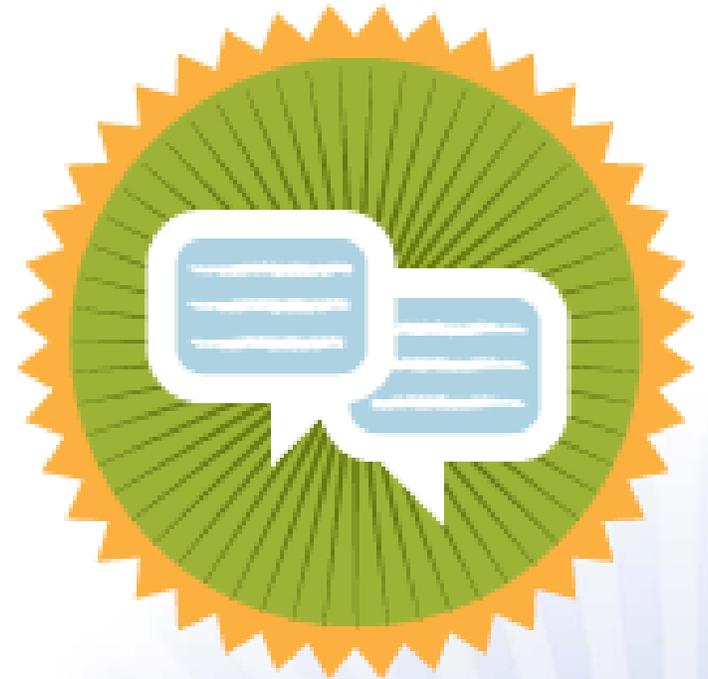
Step 1: Get Settled

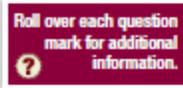
- Get to know the VISTA Member Handbook
- Contact the VISTA Member Support Unit for benefit-related questions
- Connect with your State Office for support



Get Settled into Life as a VISTA

- Learn and share on the VISTA Campus forums
- Watch a *Life as a VISTA* webinar
 - Living on the Living Allowance
 - Understanding Your Healthcare
 - Using Your Education Award





Payment for pay period
through: 13 FEB 20XX

Tax withholding status:
Allowance claimed:
Additional tax withholding:

Jennifer Smith
1234 Market Street
Redding, CA 96024

Days paid this period: 14
Days paid this year: 56

AMERICORPS* VISTA ALLOWANCE STATEMENT

We are paying you:	This payment	Year to date
? Subsistence Allowance:	\$383.46	\$1,533.84
Relocation Allowance:	0.00	0.00
? Stipend:	0.00	0.00
Other:	0.00	0.00

We are deducting:	This payment	Year to date
Fed Income Tax Withholding:	\$23.01	\$92.04
? Life Insurance:	2.07	8.28
? Overpayments Collected:	0.00	0.00
Tax and Court Levies:	0.00	0.00
? FICA Deductions:	0.00	0.00

	This payment	Year to date
Total Paid:	\$383.46	\$1,533.84
Less Total Deductions:	25.08	100.32
Plus Advanced EIC:	0.00	0.00
Net Check:	358.38	1,433.52

Student Loan Strategies

- Income-Based Repayment
- Loan Forbearance
- Loan Deferment
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- AmeriCorps Segal Education Award



National Service Forbearance

HOME

My AmeriCorps

- Applicant Home
- My Living Allowance
- My Tax Statements
- My Education Award
 - + Create Forbearance Request
 - + Create Interest Accrual Request
 - + Create Education Award Payment Request
- My Service Letter
- Events
 - Search Events
- My Resources
- Contact My AmeriCorps

My Education Award

From this page, you can manage your Segal AmeriCorps Education Award requests, view your award balances, and view any previous payments that were made on your behalf. To create new requests, use the links to the left or click on the picture to the right.

[Click here for help.](#)

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My Requests

Request	Status ?	C
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Forbearance Request



To complete your Forbearance request, please verify that your personal information is correct, select the term of service for which you are requesting Forbearance (if more than one), and select the Institution from which you are requesting Forbearance. Upon completing the form, click the "submit" button to forward your request.

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My Information

Name:
Date of Birth:
NSPID:
SSN:
E-mail:

Permanent Address:

Home Phone Number:
Work or Other Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

Home Phone Number:
Work or Other Phone Number:

* Term of service: 11/13/2010 to 11/12/2011

Institution Information [\(Search for Institutions\) ?](#)

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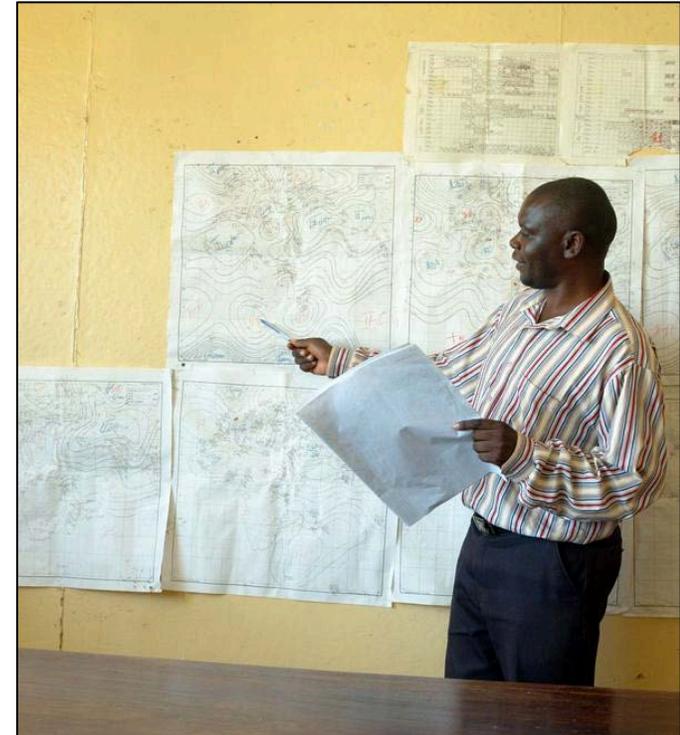
Get Settled in Your Organization

- Have regular meetings with your supervisor
- Review organizational documents
- Explore what's been done before
- Get to know your coworkers

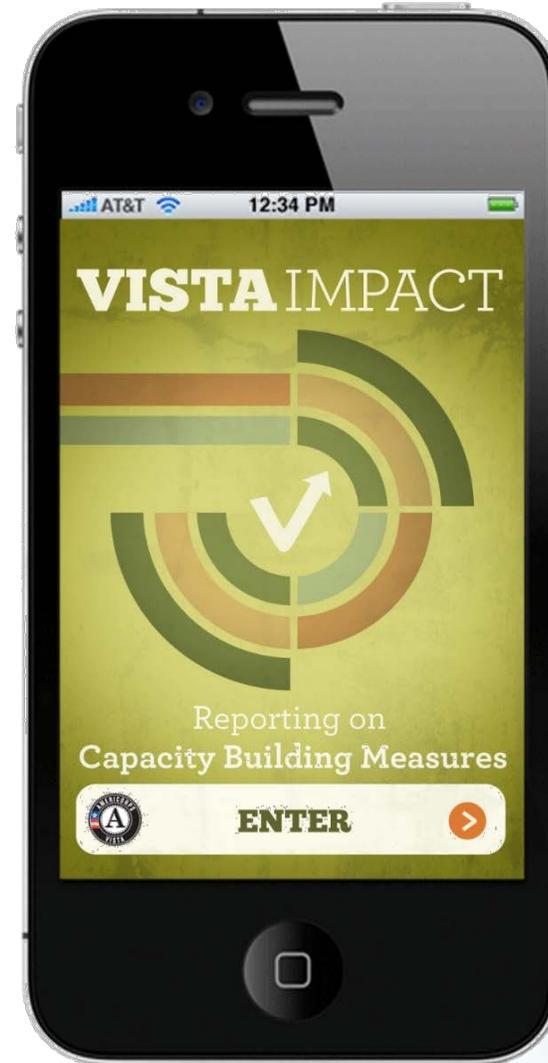


Step 2: Turn Your VAD into Action

- Create a plan of action for the year
- Develop goals and objectives with your supervisor
- Keep your VAD in an accessible place
- Develop a system to ensure the continuity and sustainability of your work



The AmeriCorps VISTA Impact App



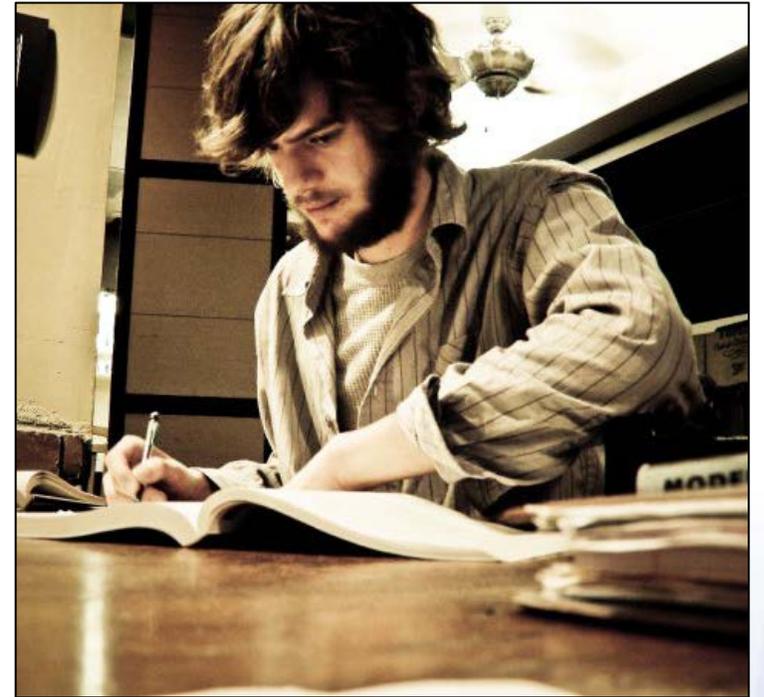
Step 3: Take Time to Learn and Grow

- Search “The Work” section on the VISTA Campus for resources
- Attend a VISTA webinar or VISTA Blend course
- Take a VISTA Campus tutorial



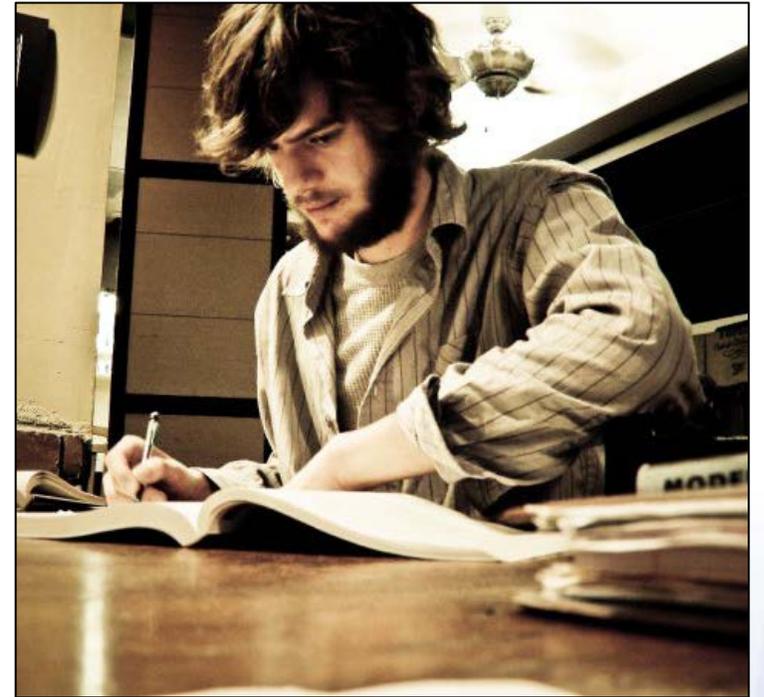
Learn Using Additional Resources

- Obtain a library card
- Research free educational opportunities online, such as
 - Coursera
 - Khan Academy
 - Alison
 - Free Management Library
 - Alliance for Nonprofit Management



Learn Using Additional Resources

- Check your organization's professional affiliations & memberships
 - Foundation Center
 - Volunteer Match
 - Association of Fundraising Professionals
- Join a regional network or affinity group
 - Young Professionals Network



Grow Using Associations & Certifications

Financial Development

- Association for Fund Raising Professionals
www.afpnet.org
www.afpnet.org/professional

Working with Volunteers

- Points of Light
www.pointsoflight.org
- Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration
cvacert.org
- Energize, Inc.
www.energizeinc.com/directory

Communications and Marketing

- Public Relations Society of America
www.prsa.org/Network/Communities/AssociationNonprofit

Curriculum and Training Development

- Association for Talent Development
www.td.org

Developing and Empowering Community Leaders

- NeighborWorks America
www.neighborworks.org/Training-Services

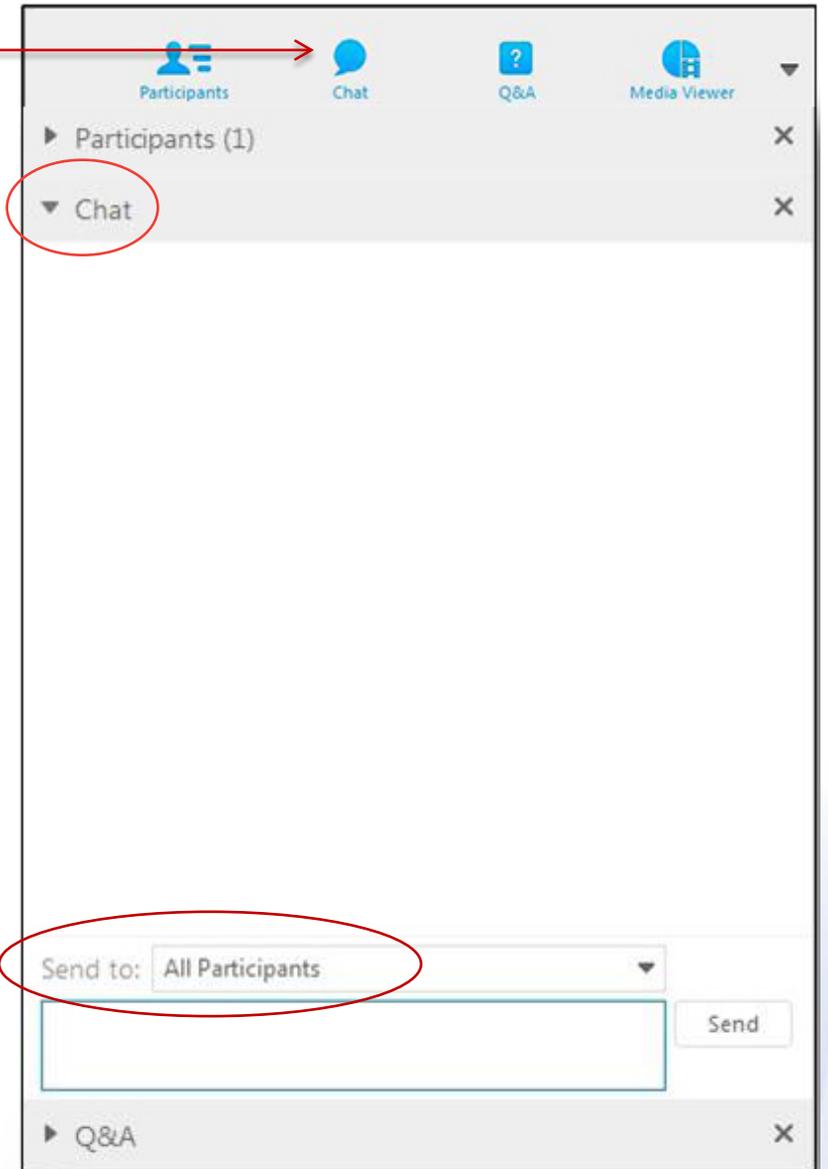
Your Local...

- Volunteer center
- United Way
- Chamber of Commerce
- Toastmasters International
- National organization's local chapters

Share Your Thoughts

- What are resources you have used for professional development?

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Step 4: Get Connected

- Complete your VISTA Campus user profile
- Search the VISTA Map
- Contribute to the Campus forums
- Join us on social media
- Attend or arrange a VISTA MeetUp
- Get in touch with local alumni



Get Connected: Show Your VISTA Pride

- Develop your minute message
- Add the VISTA logo to your business cards and signature
- Decorate your space with VISTA gear
- Share your VISTA photos and stories on social media



Get Connected to Your Community

- Look for needs assessments, articles, and social media channels about your community
- Meet with community leaders and schedule site visits
- Participate in festivals, neighborhood meetings, and other community events



Four Steps to Action

- Step 1: Get Settled
- Step 2: Turn Your VAD Into Action
- Step 3: Take Time to Learn and Grow
- Step 4: Get Connected



Explore

Add this to my learning plan 

- Visit the VISTA Campus Benefits Center
- Add a resource to your Learning Plan
- Make a connection using the Learning Connections feature and the VISTA Map

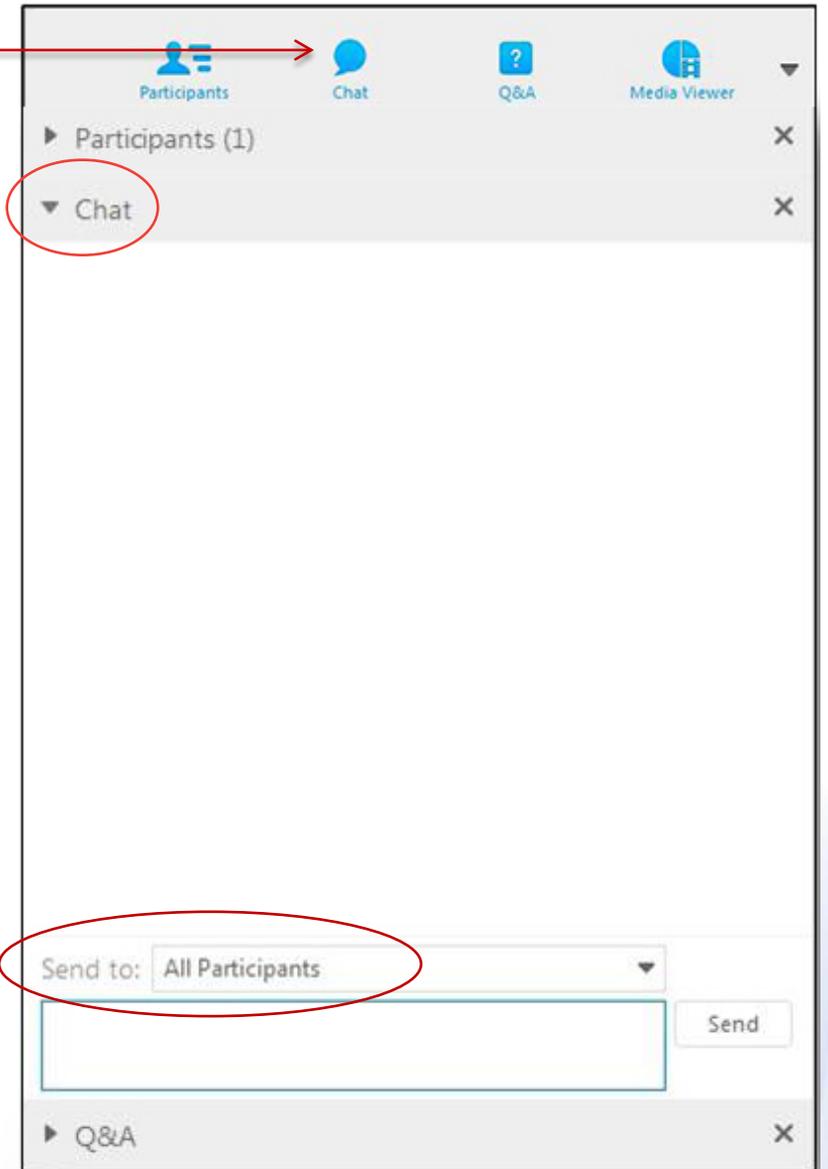


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Share Your Thoughts

- What next step can you take today to continue your professional development journey?

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Your Next Steps

- Complete your Individual Development Plan
- Connect with your supervisor to discuss your goals
- Add one VISTA Campus resource to your Learning Plan
- Make a Learning Connection on the VISTA Campus
- Investigate a professional organization

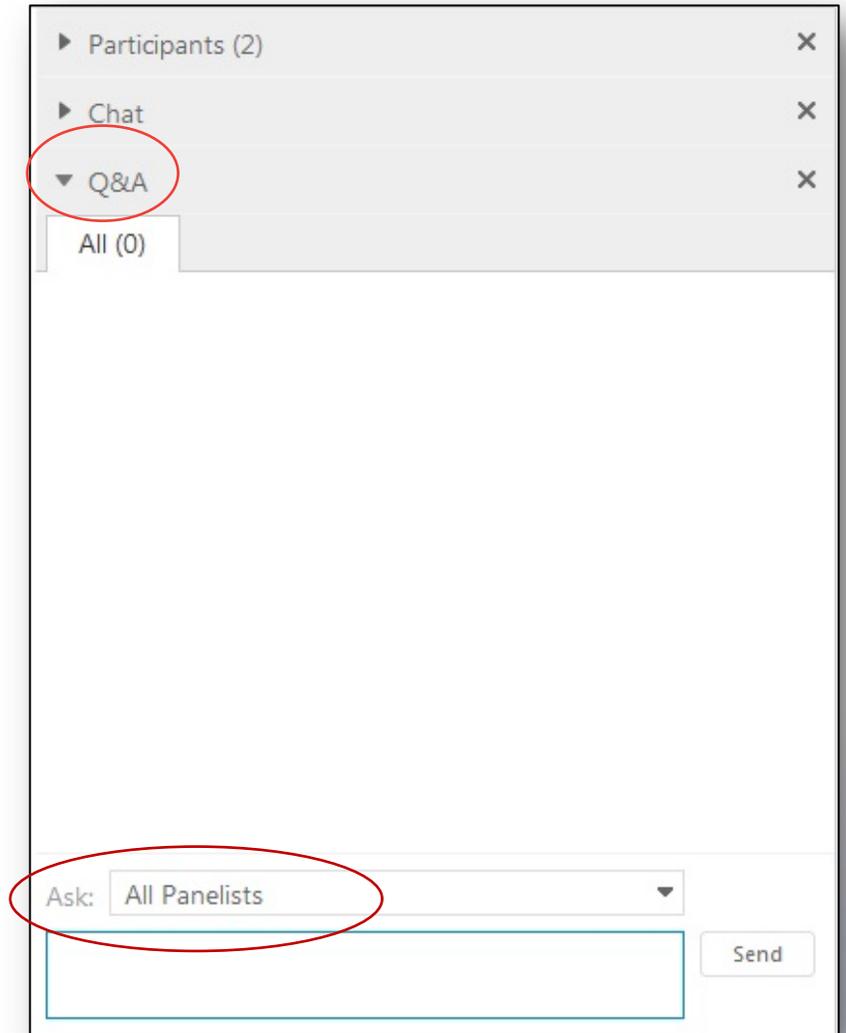


Evaluation

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- How can we improve these sessions? What topics should we include in future webinars?
- Thank you very much for your time and participation!

Questions ?

- To ask a question verbally, call in using the number on this slide and press *1
- To ask a question electronically, use the Q&A feature located in the bottom right corner of the screen.
- Please ask “All Panelists”



Thank You for Your Participation!

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VISTAwebinars@cns.gov

Our next webinar:

Writing Winning Proposals: Advice from an Experienced Grant Reviewer

December 16, 2015

2:00pm Eastern

Visit the Webinars for VISTAs page on the VISTA Campus for a complete schedule of VISTA webinars